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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A system for measuring network round trip time, comprising:
- 2 a processor; and
- a monitor and adalysis engine coupled to the processor for
- 4 determining the presence of à fast-response operation and calculating
- 5 the round trip time.
 - 2. The system of claim 1 wherein the monitor and analysis engine includes a fast response operator analyzer for detecting the presence of the fast-response operation.
- 1 3. The system of claim 1 wherein the monitor and analysis engine
- 2 includes fast-response time operation definitions which list characteristic
- 3 information associated with fast-response operations.
- 1 4. The system of claim 3 wherein the definitions are user-supplied.
- 1 5. The system of claim 3 wherein the definitions are automatically
- 2 generated.

- 1 6. The system of claim 1 further comprising a packet duplicator for
- 2 intercepting and duplicating sent and received packets, and forwarding
- 3 the duplicated packets to the monitoring and analysis engine for
- 4 analysis.
- 7. The system of claim 1 further comprising a display device for
- 2 displaying graphical representations of the round trip time.
- 1 8. A method for measuring network round trip time, comprising the
- 2 steps of:
- determining \(\frac{1}{4} \) sent packet indicates a fast response operation;
- 4 and
- if the packet does indicate a fast response operation, calculating a
- 6 round trip time.
- 1 9. The method of claim 8\wherein the step of determining includes
- 2 duplicating the packet.
- 1 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the duplicated packet is forwarded
- 2 to a monitoring and analysis engine.

- 1 11. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of identifying a
- 2 time when the packet was sent and identifying a time when a response
- 3 packet was received.
- 1 12. The method of claim 11 wherein the round trip time is calculated
- 2 by determining the time difference between when the packet was sent
- and when the response packet was received.
- 1 13. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of assuming
- 2 that a packet indicating a fast-response operation was substantially
- 3 instantaneously processed at a server computer.
- 1 14. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of providing a
- representation of the round trip time via a display device to a user.
- 1 15. A system for measuring tetwork round trip time comprising:
- means for determining if a packet indicates a fast response
- operation; and
- means for calculating a round trip time if the packet does include a
- 5 fast response operation.

- 1 %. A computer-readable medium storing program instructions for
- 2 causing a computer to measure network round trip time, by performing
- 3 the steps of:
- determining if a packet indicates a fast response operation; and
- if the packet does indicate a fast response operation, calculating a
- 6 round trip time.